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For: Process and Device For Sealing or Reducing Holes, and Connecting Holes with a Tube End

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Process and Device For Sealing or Reducing Holes, and Connecting Holes with a Tube End; The specification of which was filed on July 18, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/908,339.

The Drawings attached hereto are the drawings referred to in the said application and depict said invention.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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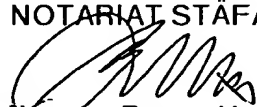
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